

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Meeting
December 17, 2003 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Castro, Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas.

Mayor Castro called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Castro gave the Invocation.

Commissioner Garretson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

Mayor Castro departed from the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Item No. K-8 Northlake Boulevard Task Force was removed from Discussion and Possible Action and placed after Presentations.

Item No. J-5 RESOLUTION No. 36-12-03 was removed from the Agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balius to approve the December 17, 2003 Agenda as amended; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation for Florida Jewish Holiday Month

Mayor Castro publicly read the proclamation and gave direction for the proclamation to be mailed to the Jewish Museum of Florida.

Presentation to Captain Joe Berkery

The Mayor presented the proclamation to Captain Berkery expressing great adoration toward his dedication and service to the Town. Captain Berkery thanked the Mayor and Town Commission.

Proclamation to Stanley and Rose Schuyler

Mr. and Mrs. Schuylers accepted the proclamation stating the donation was made in dedication of her sister Mildred Demarco and for the library's computer room services to continuously remain modernized.

Crime Prevention Presentation by Deputy Carmen Veneziano

Deputy Veneziano informed the Commission of several crime prevention programs and strategies that are readily available to the residents upon request. He indicated that more information can be obtained by calling 561-688-3970.

Northlake Boulevard Task Force

Mayor Castro stated that the Town is in full support of the grant for the Northlake Boulevard Task Force to proceed forward and in order for the Northlake Boulevard Task Force to receive the grant; the Task force has to be intact. He feels that in the Spirit of Cooperation the Town Commission should formally go before the Northlake Boulevard Task Force to announce their dissolution and to also vote on the grant so that the work may begin. The Commission thanked Commission Karen Marcus and Vice Mayor Omelia for their attendance at the meeting.

Vice Mayor Charlie Omeila of the Village of North Palm Beach expressed high hopes of the Town of Lake Park reconsidering rejoining the Northlake Boulevard Task force in the future.

County Commissioner Karen Marcus communicated to the Commission her deepest regret in the way that the neighboring City of Palm Beach Gardens displayed a lack of regard for the Town at the recent joint meeting. She also indicated her hopes that all of the surrounding towns, city and villages that were involved in the Northlake Boulevard Task Force may one day reconcile their differences in an effort to rejoin the Task Force. Commissioner Karen Marcus further communicated her desire for the Mayors of Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach and the Lake Park to meet after the first of the year to iron out unresolved issues. The Mayor indicated that he has already attempted to arrange a meeting of such; however the City of Palm Beach Gardens clearly stated that they did not feel that a meeting would not serve any purpose.

The Town Commission requested an audio tape of the joint meeting held on December 2, 2003. Mr. O'melia indicated that the tape was not available at the time and that a copy would be issued as soon as the recording becomes available.

The Commission gave direction to the Town Attorney to execute a Resolution that reflects the Town dissolution from the Northlake Boulevard Task Force. They clearly communicated that they are not dissolving themselves from the Task because of the actions of any other city or the County, it is solely due to the Task Force not being beneficial or in favor of the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following person(s) addressed the Commission;

Gary Jackson, 1210 Gateway Road, suggested that the Town perform background checks prior to appointing new members to Town Boards. Manny Grinn, 536 Greenway Drive, made comments pertaining to the Northlake Boulevard Task.

CONSENT AGENDA

No Items for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING/S:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 35-12-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AND GRANT MANAGEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK AND THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Jeanine Longtin, Public Works Director Paul Carlisle stated that this agreement is not a revenue generator and there is a miscellaneous line item in the Budget for the revenue that is generated from the cardboard sales.

Commissioner Longtin also publicly noted that in the title of the Resolution, the authorization should be given to the Town Manager instead of the Mayor.

Public hearing opened.

No speakers.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balias; Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balus	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Board Appointments

Cynthia Jones was unanimously appointed to the Tree Board.

Genanne Doughty was appointed to the Code Compliance Board by a vote of 3-2.

Workshop Dated for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)

The general consensus of the Commission was to hold the EAR workshop on January 28, 2004. Notices and flyers will be sent out to the residents informing them of the date and time the workshop will be held.

Venetian Isles/Westlake Development Issuance of CO's and Performance Bond

Town Manager Drymon indicated that the Town Attorney informed him that a bond is no longer required in that the work on the amenities is sufficient at this point. He indicated that the inspections will begin on December 18, 2003.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Paul Castro

He communicated his hopes of reconciliation with the City of Palm Beach Gardens. He stated that he was very disappointed at the last meeting and also about their Mayor's comments to the weekday. He stated that it is unfortunate that the City of Palm Beach Gardens annexed land that should have remained in the Town of Lake Park. He stated that it created situations where the towns have to come into cross agreements that are not always equally beneficial to all parties involved. He voiced that he is happy with the progress of U.S. Highway 1 and Stewart Toyota. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah. He indicated that the troops overseas have been on his mind and he will continue to believe in and pray for them and he hopes that everyone else will remember the Troops this holiday.

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balius

Vice Mayor Balius stated that he strongly supports the EAR. He stated that all the residents are invited and will be receiving notices so that they can be involved in what's going on in the Town. He stated that he was embarrassed and outraged at the comments that were made at the joint meeting with Palm Beach Gardens. He stated that the Town's good intention of approving an agenda item went down rapidly. He echoed the Mayor's comments and asked that everyone prays for all troops that are away from home. He thanked everyone for attending and watching the meeting.

Commissioner Bill Otterson

He expressed that he was very upset at the comments that were made by the Gardens staff. He stated that he usually comes to the bid openings for the Marina but was unable to attend the last one on December 8, 2003.

Commissioner Paul Garretson

Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin

Commissioner Longtin invited the residents to come to the joint meeting with the City of Palm Beach Gardens on January 8, 2004 in support of the Town of Lake Park. She wished everyone Happy Holidays. She requested an update on the electric at the ball fields. Town Manager Drymon responded by saying that he will be meeting with Global Electric at the beginning of the New Year. Public Works Director Paul Carlisle stated that he is awaiting an estimate back from Global and has begun to prepare to go out for bids. She stated that she would like to have someone from the Town take pictures when a proclamation is being presented. She indicated that the new broadcasting channel for the Town will be channel 18 instead of channel 19.

She gave the contact number for viewers to receive a free smoke detector. Commissioner Longtin provided her contact number (561-881-3309). The Library needs volunteers, the Town needs Board volunteers and the blood bank need donations. She directed the citizens to contact Bert and Mary Ann Spasaro if they are interested in being a part of the neighborhood watch program. She thanked everyone for attending and watching the meeting.

Captain John Carroll

Captain Carroll indicated that there will be a meeting on Saturday at the Library. He stated that any seniors in need of an emergency cellular phone should contact his secretary at 881-3326.

Town Manager J. Douglas Drymon

Informed the Commission that Ms. Bert Bostrom had been awarded \$1,000.00 from The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Soccer Region for her efforts in developing a soccer team in the Town of Lake Park. He thanked her for bringing talent to the Town. Vice Mayor Balius also thanked his wife, Mrs. Donna Balius for her

support in the soccer program. Ms. Bert Bostrom thanked the Commission. She stated that the success of the program also came from supportive volunteers.

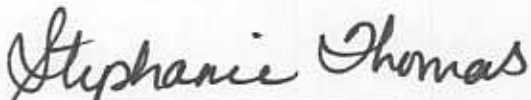
Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird

Town Attorney thanked staff, Town Manager Drymon and the Commission for a wonderful year. He stated that he is looking forward to the New Year. He wished the Commission and audience Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Garretson, seconded by Commissioner Otterson, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Mayor Paul Castro

Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Thomas

Approved on this 7th day of January, 2004

***The Commission of the Town of Lake Park wishes
everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to
all!***